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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed here with is a petition with fee authorization for a three month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.